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	Albert K Wong	2635		
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Status				
1)⊠ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 January 2002.				
_	s action is non-final.			
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the ments is				
closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.				
Disposition of Claims				
4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-18</u> is/are pending in the application.				
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.				
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.				
6) Claim(s) is/are rejected.				
7) ☐ Claim(s) is/are objected to.				
8)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-18</u> are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.				
Application Papers				
9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.				
10)⊠ The drawing(s) filed on <u>17 January 2002</u> is/are: a)⊠ accepted or b)⊡ objected to by the Examiner.				
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).				
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).				
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.				
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119				
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).				
a) All b) Some * c) None of:				
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.				
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No				
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage				
application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).				
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.				
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1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) Interview Summary	(PTO-413)		
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Da	te		
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1. This Office action is in response to the application filed January 17, 2002. Claims 1-18 are pending.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Election/Restrictions

- 2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
  - I. Claims 1-1-14, drawn to a temperature sensor for an electric meter, classified in class 340, subclass 584.
  - II. Claims 15-18, drawn to a method for disconnecting power to a customer, classified in class 705, subclass 63.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

- 3. Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention II has separate utility such as a method of regulating power to a customer. See MPEP § 806.05(d).
- 4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
- 5. A telephone call was made to Steven Santema on June 26, 2004 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

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Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Albert K Wong whose telephone number is 703-305-8884. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Horabik can be reached on 703-305-4704. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Albert K. Wong June 27, 2004

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